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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In an Office Action mailed on March 11, 2003, Applicants were requested to restrict the present application to the invention of Group I (Claims 1-7) and Group II (Claims 8-14, and 14-20 [sic]). It is noted that the present application contains 14 claims, which are correctly listed in the PTO-326 Form accompanying the present Office Action.

Accordingly, Group II should list Claims 8-14 only.

The present Response is accompanied by a request for a one-month extension or time, and is, therefore, timely filed.

The invention of Group I (Claims 1-7) is hereby elected with traverse.

Claims 1-7 concern methods for treating disorders characterized by dysregulation of the GH/IGF axis in a mammal. Claims 8-14 are drawn to a kit comprising a container containing a pharmaceutical composition containing an IGF-1 variant, and instructions directing the user to utilize the composition for treating a disorder characterized by dysregulation of the GH/IGF axis in a mammal. Since Claims 1-14, whether method or kit, all relate to the treatment of disorders characterized by dysregulation of the GH/IGF axis,

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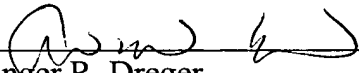
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they should be all classified in class 514, subclass 2, and examined together in one application. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the present Restriction Requirement, and examine all of Claims 1-14 in the present application.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1641 (**Attorney Docket No.: 39766-0131R1D1**). Please direct any calls in connection with this application to the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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